(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसी खरीददारियों में उपर्युक्त मानदंड और उसके अन्तर्गत बनाए गए नियमों का अनुपालन नहीं किया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) (क) से (घ) मेडिकल स्टोर संगठन सरकारी संस्थाओं से प्राप्त मांगों के आधार पर खरीद करते है। गुणवत्ता आश्वासन अपेक्षाओं और सामान्य वित्तीय नियमों के उपबंधों को ध्यान में रखते हुए खरीद पंजीकृत विनिर्माताओं से की जाती है।

Adulteration in the Essential Commodity

1753. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adulteration of essential items is widespread in the country at present;

(b) if so, the total number of cases of adulteration detected and pending for decision during 1991 and 1992;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake a review of the provision of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the States|UTs out of a total of 1,15,554 samples of food articles examined during the year 199.; 12,841 samples were found to be adulterated|misbranded. *Information* for 1992 has not been furnished by most of the State Governments|UTs. Upto December, 1991, 55,386 cases were pending in the Courts of Law.

(c) and (d) Provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 are reviewed by the Government from time to time.

Violation of Labelling Rules

1754. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi issues warning to traders for their 1st offence for violation of labelling rules under Rule 32 whereas prosecutes such traders for their first offence under any other provisions of PFA Act|Rules, 1954;

(b) if so, whether the sample of Gelatin lifted from Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi was declared to be misbranded for violation of labelling provisions under Rule 32, by public Analyst whereas the said sample also does not conform to standards laid down under Appendix B and Rule 48(c) of PFA Act|Rules;

(c) if so, action proposed by the Government against Director (PFA) for suppressing the information from Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The samples of Gelatin lifted from Hotel Hyatt Regency was declared to be misbranded under Rule 32 of the PFA Rules, 1955 by the Public Analyst, Delhi. On subsequent investigation, violation of Rule 48(c) has also been observed.